

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of assigning a numerical value to a threat posed by the cargo container in response to the processing step~~ A method for maintaining security of a cargo container during shipment from an origination point to a destination, the cargo container including a container security unit (CSU), the method comprising:
receiving updates from the CSU during the shipment of the cargo container; and
classifying or scoring the container to assess the level of threat presented as new data about threat patterns and relationships are discovered during the shipment.
8. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of triggering an alert when [[the]]~~ a score of the container numerical value exceeds
a predetermined threshold.

Claims 9-26 (Cancelled)

27. (New) A system for maintaining security of a cargo container during shipment from an origination point to a destination, the system comprising:

means for determining geographic location of the cargo container during shipment from the origination point to the destination; and

a battery-powered container security unit (CSU) for the container, the CSU reporting on status of the cargo container during the shipment, wherein frequency of the reporting is a function of the geographic location of the container.

28. (New) The system of claim 27, further comprising a CSU bridge for communicating with the CSU.